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SUMMARY: DURING HIS OCT 17 STATE OF HONG KONG ADDRESS (REFTEL),  
GOVERNOR MACLEHOSE STATED HIS CONCERN FOR HONG KONG NARCOTICS  
SITUATION AND OUTLINED STEPS TO CURB NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH  
DETAILS OF PROGRAM REMAIN UNCLEAR PENDING COMPLETION OF NARCOTICS  
COMMISSIONER'S WHITE PAPERS PROMISED BY END OF 73, GOVERNOR  
STATED THAT ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL BE  
CHANNEL FOR ALL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO HKG AND MEDICAL DEPART-  
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MENT WILL ESTABLISH NEW DIVISION FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF

ADDICTS. NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER ROLPH HAS INFORMED CONGEN THAT HIS OFFICE WILL SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE STAFF OF ACAN, THAT TREATMENT FACILITIES WILL BE RAPIDLY EXPANDED, AND THAT HKG HOPES TO OBTAIN GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. ROLPH HOPES TO ATTEND UN NARCOTICS MEETING IN GENEVA IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY AND WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT USG INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON EITHER ON WAY TO OR RETURN FROM MEETING. WE URGE EXTENSION OF INVITATION SIMILAR TO THAT OFFERED PER STATE 15610 OF JANUARY 26, 1973. END SUMMARY.

1. IN STATE OF HONG KONG ADDRESS, GOVERNOR POINTED OUT AREAS OF ENDEAVOR NECESSARY TO ERADICATE HONG KONG'S NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. HE CONSIDERED PREVENTION OF PRODUCTION, DESPATCH TO HONG KONG AND INTERCEPTION OF SHIPMENT (PRIMARILY VIA THAI TRAWLERS) TO HONG KONG AS AREA REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL ACTION. SUPPRESSION OF CLANDESTINE ENTRY INTO HONG KONG, ITS DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL ADDICTS,

AND REHABILITATION OF ADDICTS HE CONSIDERED DIRECTLY UNDER HKG JURISDICTION. HE PROMISED THAT COMMISSIONER OF NARCOTICS NORMAN ROLPH'S WHITE PAPER ON NARCOTICS WOULD BE SUBMITTED ABOUT THE END OF 73 AND AFFIRMED DECISION TO STATION HKG LIAISON OFFICER AT UK EMBASSY, BANGKOK. TO HANDLE LOCAL PROBLEMS, GOVERNOR STATED ACAN WOULD BE CONTROLLING BODY, ITS MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE STREAM-LINED, AND IT WOULD BECOME THE "SOLE CHANNEL OF ADVICE TO HKG ON ALL POLICY ASPECTS OF DRIVE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND NARCOTIC ADDICTION." GOVERNOR STATED THAT NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER WOULD BE MEMBER OF ACAN AND HIS STAFF WOULD "FORM THE COMMITTEE'S EXECUTIVE ARM." OTHER PRINCIPAL DECISION ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNOR WAS PLACING OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TREATMENT AND RESEARCH ON DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WHICH WOULD FORM A NEW DIVISION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGENOFF, ROLPH INDICATED HIS SATISFACTION WITH ACAN'S NEW ROLE. HIS STAFF WILL PREPARE BOTH RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ACAN, WHICH WILL BE DECREASED TO 12 MEMBERS WHO WILL MEET MONTHLY. THUS, ROLPH WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THE KEY ROLE IN HKG'S NARCOTICS EFFORTS. SIR ALBERT RODRIQUEZ, ACAN CHAIRMAN ALSO CHAIRS THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABLE TO COORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT'S TREATMENT EFFORTS WITH OVERALL POLICY DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACAN.

3. ROLPH ALSO INFORMED CONGEN THAT HE HOPES TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF ASIAN COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS PROBLEMS (UNDER UN AUSPICES) TO THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DRUGS IN SEASIA, WHICH ARRIVED IN HONG KONG OCT 28. ROLPH'S HOPE IS THAT UN UMBRELLA WOULD MAKE SUCH COORDINATION MORE

PALATABLE TO BURMESE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AND PROVIDE  
HKG WITH BETTER LIAISON WITH SEASIAN COUNTRIES. ROLPH ALSO  
INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH UN COMMITTEE'S UK REPRESENTATIVE, CHRIS  
TRAIN, HKG'S DESIRE TO CONTINUE TRILATERAL (HKG, UKG, USG) MEETINGS  
PERHAPS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS OR MORE FREQUENTLY IF DEEMED  
NECESSARY. ROLPH SEES THIS PRIMARILY AS AN EFFORT TO KEEP UKG  
INVOLVED IN ASIAN NARCOTICS SCENE.

4. ROLPH ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND  
THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY UN NARCOTICS MEETING IN GENEVA. ON WAY TO  
OR RETURN FROM GENEVA HE WOULD HOPE TO STOP IN US FOR NARCOTICS  
DISCUSSIONS. CONGEN STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT DISCUSSIONS IN  
WASHINGTON WITH ROLPH WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE IN OUR  
ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN HONG KONG AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S  
CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL INVITATION TO ROLPH FOR THIS PURPOSE.  
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